

the Chan reference (page 8, second column, third paragraph and page 9, first column, first paragraph and page 10, first column, second paragraph) is not directed to a digital signature verification process or to the detection of an error based on a digital signature verification process that is based on received message header identifier associated with a public key certificate identifier. Instead, the cited portion refers to a calling process being checked to see if it is restricted by an appropriate restricted security identifier in a token. As best understood, this process does not appear to be performed by a digital signing verification process that is based on a received message header identifier that is associated with a public key certificate identifier as required by the claim. In fact, it does not appear that the described token is digitally signed nor does it appear that a message header identifier that is associated with a public key certificate identifier is used in any digital signature verification process. Accordingly, the claims are in condition for allowance.

In addition, the cited portions of Chan also do not teach generating a digital signature verification map as claimed. The cited portion described generating a security identifier. There is no digital signature verification map that includes a plurality of acceptable message header identifiers that are associated with a public key certificate identifiers. Again, there does not appear to be any digital signature verification operation described in the cited portions nor is there a reference to plurality of acceptable message header identifiers that are contained in the digital signature verification map. Applicant repeatedly requested an indication of reasons why Applicant's remarks are not supported by the references. Applicant respectfully notes that the finality of the office action should be removed if a response is provided since none has been provided to date.

Applicant respectfully reasserts the relevant remarks made in previous responses. Since the cited portion of the Chan reference (and other references) do not teach what is alleged and what is required by the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims add additional novel and non-obvious subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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